BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instructions are issued by Directorate General, Doordarshan to various Doordarshan Kendras to telecast the dubbed version of popular Hindi serials in the respective regional languages as and when requests to this effect are received from the producers of the serials.

NRI's offer for modernisation of airports

1120. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received offers from Non-Residental Indians for modernisation of airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Range of Capital Outflows

1121. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state that the range of capital outflows and how Government propose to put an end to flight of capital?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Information on India's balance of payments for the current year i.e. 1996-97 so far provides no evidence of capital flight from India. On the country, the net capital inflows have been high and resulted in an accretion to foreign exchange reserves to the extent of US $ 2253 million between April 1996 to November 22, 1996.

Worn out Notes in Bundles given by Banks

1122. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banks give worn out notes hidden in bundles of 100;

(b) whether it also a fact the RBI unnecessarily trouble the banks if they send worn out notes for change to RBI;

(c) whether RBI will issue circulars to all banks that they must not give worn out notes to customers; and

(d) what is the remedy to customers if banks give worn out notes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Banks are required to sort out currency notes received back from circulation into soiled/re-issuable/unfit notes. The reissuable notes which are fit for circulation are being issued again to the public.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has not so far received any complaint from any of the banks on this account.

(c) According to RBI worn out notes are exchangeable at all branches of public sector banks under the limited powers already delegated to them.

(d) Customers can exchange soiled and certain categories of multilated notes at all branches of public sector banks who have been delegated limited powers by RBI. All types of mutilated notes can be exchanged at all Currency Chests maintaining branches of the public sector banks all over India, who have full powers under the Reserve Bank of India (Note Refund) Rules, 1975.